

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



City Lexington

Address 27 Eliot Road

Historic Name Stowell-Briggs House

Dr. Charles P. Briggs House

Present residential

Original residential

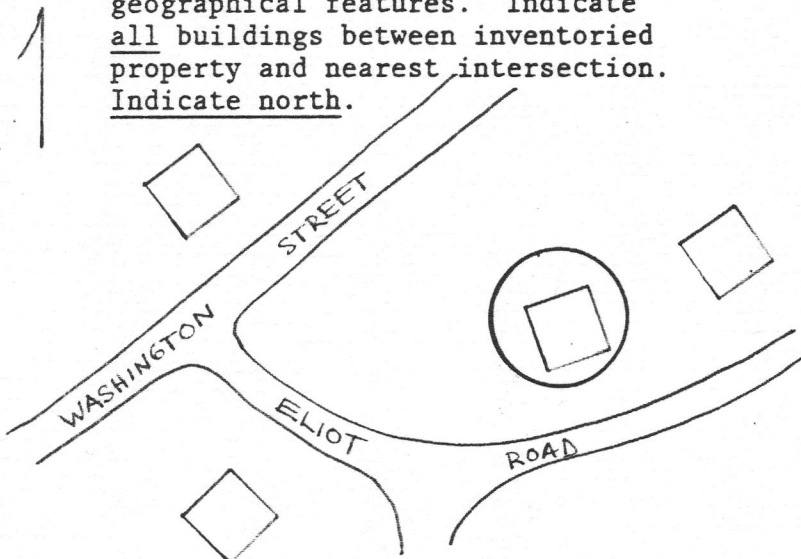
DESCRIPTION:

Date 1896? 1899

Source Minute-Man, Feb 10, 1899
letter from E.B. Worthen?

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Style Shingle Style

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric shingles

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 40398 ft.²

Setting Munroe Hill; residential street
developed primarily at the turn of the
twentieth century.

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date March, 1984

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This is one of several ample Shingle Style houses built on Munroe Hill in the 1890s. Features include a porch with paired, splayed posts, bay window with polygonal roof, and dormer windows with diamond panes.

See 5 Pelham Rd.
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

? The house was built by Mrs. George L. Stowell, the wife of a teacher living on Massachusetts Avenue near Percy Road. The house was assessed in 1897 for \$7,500. After 1900 Charles Poor Briggs, a dentist in Boston, purchased the house. *Dr. + Mrs. Briggs still here in 1942.*

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Hudson, Charles. History of the Town of Lexington, revised and continued to 1912 by the Lexington Historical Society, Volume II, p. 61. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1913.

Letter from E.B. Worthen to Dr. H.J. Crumb, October 22, 1948. Worthen Collection, Cary Library.

1906 atlas

1894 Directory

1899 Directory

1906 Directory

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
27 ELIOT ROAD

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Despite information contained in the 1984 form for this property, it appears that this house was constructed in 1899 for Dr. Charles P. Briggs, a Boston dentist. A brief mention in the *Lexington Minute-Man* on February 10, 1899 noted that two or three houses were to be built in the Mt. Vernon district in the spring including houses for Dr. Chas. P. Briggs and Charles Garrison (see 23 Eliot Road). (No evidence of a Stowell connection to the house was noted – the information cited may instead refer to the George Stowell House at 5 Pelham Road.) Dr. Charles and his wife, Gertrude, continued to live at 27 Eliot Road until at least 1942.

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Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Minute-Man, Feb. 10, 1899.

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